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NOTE FOR: Mr. Bross

SUBJECT: CIAC Group Meeting 11 March 1969

John, FYI, our first outing (State, DIA, etc.) did the following:

1. Discussed our charter and style, indicating that we would concentrate efforts on a few key problems, seeking for the most part to achieve intelligence gains through refining existing means.

2. Set this China effort within the overall framework of going at given US intelligence problems from a broad, objective-oriented direction. To this end, I distributed copies of our earlier Whither China paper (what services US intelligence can perform, et al), asked the representatives to try out the text's judgments on themselves and their colleagues, and indicated that discussion of the text's judgments would be a central question of our inquiry at the next meeting of the Group.

3. Clued the Group that we would be getting into the problem as a key endeavor, and that I would subsequently distribute text, or portions of text, relating to this question.

4. Alerted the Group to the possibly increasing intelligence importance of the Sino-Soviet borders. At my request, NPIC and OSR briefers gave us a good rundown

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on what we now know and don't know. Following this, the CIAC Group discussed what US all-source intelligence capabilities might be in the event of a future acute Sino-Soviet border crisis.

5. At my request, the representatives agreed to give me informal readings within a month's time on the value of clandestine reporting on China, CIA and otherwise.

6. Off to a fairly good start, and in good spirit.



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